

DASHWOOD, WE'RE IN A PICKLE! A TERRIBLE JAM!

WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK? GOT ANY IDEAS?

ONLY THAT PICKLES AND JAM SURE DON'T GO TOGETHER.

I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME MEN ATTEND BABY SHOWERS.

AFTER ALL, IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO THAT MEN WAITED OUTSIDE THE DELIVERY ROOM, BUT THAT CHANGED, RIGHT?

SURE, ONCE THEY INVENTED CAMCORDERS.

I KEEP FORGETTING. IT'S NOT A MAN'S EVENT UNLESS IT MAKES GRIPPING FOOTAGE.

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LOOK! THE GORILLA'S TAKING HIS HEAD OFF!

WHAT?!!

GET ME OUT! I CAN'T STAND BEING CONFINED IN TIGHT PLACES!

BETTER GET USED TO IT! JAIL CELLS ARE PRETTY SMALL!

SPIDER-MAN, JERRY, NUMBER 7-17

Panel 1: A man stands next to a tombstone labeled "PENNY FOR MY THOUGHTS".

Panel 2: The man and a woman stand next to the same tombstone.

Panel 3: The woman, wearing glasses and a dark jacket, stands alone next to the tombstone, looking thoughtful.

Panel 4: The woman stands next to a tombstone labeled "PIECE OF MY MIND."

HEY! / COME BACK FROM DREAMLAND BEFORE YOU'RE LATE FOR—

AS LONG AS I MAINTAIN THE SPEED OF LIGHT, TIME WILL STAND STILL.

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YOU COMPLAIN THAT WE NEVER DO ANYTHING TOGETHER! BUT WHEN I SUGGEST SOMETHING, YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT!

HELPING YOU DIG A HOLE TO BURY THE GARBAGE ISN'T MY IDEA OF TOGETHERNESS!

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JEFF GRIGGS 12-17

A cartoon illustration showing a man in a suit standing next to a massive, overwhelming crowd of Dalmatian puppies. The puppies are packed tightly together, filling the lower two-thirds of the frame. The man, on the right, has a speech bubble that reads: "BUT YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE '101 DALMATIANS' TONIGHT." The background shows a simple building with a door and a window. In the top left corner, there is small text: "Drawn by Tribune Media Services, Inc. © 1989 Tribune Media Services, Inc. http://www.gettyimages.com 12/17".

HEY, ALICE, I BROUGHT MY RADIO TO WORK. YOU CAN HEAR IT FROM YOUR CUBICLE TOO.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR THAT YOU WANT TO HEAR?

YES, THERE IS.

BAM BAM BAM
HEY!

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12-17

K. Schuman

"MY DAD SAYS MAYBE YOU SHOULD KEEP THE OIL AND CHANGE THE CAR."

THE
VERY
FIRST
CHRISTMAS
EVE

WHAT DO YOU FEEL
LIKE EATING?

I HAVE THE STRANGEST
CRAVING FOR CHINESE.

DAVID COVERLY

For Friday, Dec. 15, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Take three deep breaths, and don't allow yourself to get caught up in the petty problems of another.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Plan to hang out with friends and reminisce over the good old days.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While you might want something really, really badly, think twice about committing a rash act to get it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A polarity might arise between affairs of the home and the heart.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) The time is right to try something entirely new.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If a creative impulse is seriously rearing its head, go ahead and give in to it. A romantic gesture is likely to leave you blushing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Someone close to you is having a hard time expressing what it is that he or she really desires.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You finally get your message across to someone who previously refused to listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Look for a wise mentor to guide you in regard to business or financial affairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Try not to get too frazzled by minor kinks that are thrown into your plans. Your love life is about to take a serious upswing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Try to look a little more the part you're playing, and you'll be surprised by the results. Your ambition tips the balance in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Don't get so lost in the crowd — this is a time to express your individuality.

By Bobby Wolff

West led the spade eight, and East had to make the first decision. Should he encourage with his nine and hope to run the suit later? Or should he win immediately and shift to clubs? Encouraging with the nine will win whenever West has a quick entry and another spade. With such an imposing dummy, if South holds either the heart king or the club king, he will win the first trick and claim nine quick winners. Obviously it's time to win and shift. East took his spade king and shifted to his club nine. South played low, and it was West's turn to shine. If he played his seven, dummy's ace would win and South could lead another spade to East's ace. A second club lead by East would net only two club winners, leaving nine for South. To unblock the clubs, West alertly played his club 10 over East's nine. Whether or not South took dummy's ace, he should not develop his ninth winner without losing two spades and three clubs.

NORTH 12-14
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A 6 4
♣ A K Q J 8
♠ A 6

WEST **EAST**
♥ 6 4 ♠ A K 9 5 3
♥ 9 6 3 2 ♥ Q J 10
♦ 4 3 2 ♦ 7 5
♣ K J 10 7 ♣ 9 8 3

SOUTH
♦ Q J 7
♥ K 7 5
♦ 10 9 6
♠ Q 5 4 2

Vulnerable. Both
Dealer North

The bidding.

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	1 ♠	1 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Spade eight

Bridge America: Saturday evening, first, Janet Sinclair; second, Bill Pennington.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first; Sunday evening, first, Monday morning, first, Doug Lyon, Louis Bashaw; second, Millie Tymann, Sarah Fiorito; Monday evening, first, Joe Fortino, John Molinari; second, Judie Bailey, Cameron Ross; Tuesday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Cameron Ross; second, Jeff Bender, George Valette; Wednesday evening, Jeff King, Monny Moncrief; second, Murray Hall, Doug Lyon; Thursday morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers; 2 NS, Louis Bashaw, Donna Haskins; 1 EW, Betsy Stone, Jim Stone; 2 EW, Helen Simmons, Mary Lundquist; Thursday evening, first, Bill Oliver, George Valette; second, Rob Barrington, Bruce Rubin; Friday morning, first, Joe Fortino, Larry Sunser; second, Sarah Fiorito, Madeline Raite; Friday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Cornelia Yoder, Joe Fortino, John Molinari.

Concord: 1 NS, Joan Liddle, Katherine Worthen; 2 NS Jane Hackbarth, Bib Letham; 1 EW, Barb Grossman, Do Wilson; 2 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Betty Burns, Helene Gove; 2 NS, Peg Hesslein, Dot Joiner; 1 EW, Barb Eveleigh, Fran McCarthy; 2 EW, MaryAnn Finn, Bonnie Percival.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Roni Capraro, Joan Shibel; 2 NS, Flo Berry, Hannah Dushay; 1 EW, Helene Gove, Jackie Oslica; 2 EW, Fran McCarthy, Anna Timell.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Bill Burnett, Rick Olonoff; second, Judy Butcher, Lori Desruisseaux; Thursday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Larry Sunser; second, Adeline Nash, Pablo Patewonski.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

Newspaper columnist **William Safire** is 69. Actor **Armin Mueller-Stahl** is 68. Magazine publisher **Robert Guccione** is 68. Singer-actor **Tommy Steele** is 62. Rock singer-musician **Art Neville** is 61. Actor **Bernard Hill** is 54. Actor **Ernie Hudson** is 53. Comedian-actor **Eugene Levy** is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Wanda Hutchinson** (The Emotions) is 47. Actor **Bill Pullman** is 45. Actor **Berry Livingstone** is 45. Country singer **Sharon White** is 45. Poet-singer **Sarah Dallon** (Bananarama) is 37. Actor **Giovanni Ribisi** is 24. Actress **Mila Jovovich** is 23.

No. 110

1 Sentimental	one's seat
11 "Diary of — Housewife"	30 Unsatisfying outcome
15 With 37- and 67-Across, a question	32 Bee chaser?
16 Hootenanny sight	33 Noise of the lambs
17 Swords, after conversion	35 Peak seen from the Ionian Sea
18 Prime the pot	36 Well-kept secret, for some
19 Bruise preventers	37 See 15-Across
20 Big night	42 Sorority letter
21 Council of "Today"	43 Low islands
23 Pacific's counterpart in W W II. Abbr.	44 Common girl's middle name
24 Detroit's Joe Louis Sports —	45 See 57-Across
26 Brings up	46 Otto I's realm: Abbr.
	47 Not robust-looking
	51 Wise guy

57 With 45-Across, try to get

58 Voting groups

60 Defunct sports org. since 1976

61 Amorous skunk Le Pew

62 It's a wrap

63 Sabotaged, in a way

66 While away the time

67 See 15-Across

68 Western tribe

69 Pilots must pass it

- 1 Not a guzzler
- 2 Recently
- 3 Author
Dostoyevsky
- 4 Pulls
- 5 Child carrier
- 6 Shade of yellow
- 7 "—a dream":
King
- 8 "Two Women"
co-star, 1961
- 9 Scrape (out)
- 10 PC place
- 11 Let up
- 12 More than crazy
- 13 Bruce Wayne, the
Batman
- 14 Singer Joey with
the 60's
Starliners
- 22 Three before
seven
- 24 Lawless

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- Row 2: 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
- Row 3: 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42
- Row 4: 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56
- Row 5: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70

Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

25 "— way!" (You go, girl!)	46 Means	56 Some city
26 Student of palms	48 Driver's switch	59 Brewski
28 Aladdin's monkey	50 "You — bother!"	61 British P.M. 1783-1801
31 Like the U.N.	52 Double agents	62 Asian —
34 Way off	54 Dockworker	64 Excluding
35 Signals to speak up	55 Having a lot to lose	65 High points: Abbr.
37 Pound sounds		
38 Hot-dog		
39 Give a sermon		
40 Some electrical junctions		
41 Old comic "Out — Way"		

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